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Queens Summer Vocal Institute presents

Opera Division Showcase

Tuesday, July 29, 2025 • 7PM
LeFrak Concert Hall • Aaron Copland School of Music
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Riley Musi

"Piangero la Sorte Mia"

Giulio Cesare by George Frideric Handel
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Liliana Mann

"Torna, Vezzosa"

by Vincenzo Bellini
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Cynthia Dai

"Prendi"

L'Elisir D'Amore by Gaetano Donizetti
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Victoria Chan

Willow Song

Ballad of Baby Doe by Douglas Moore
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Chloe Bloom

"Auf dem wasser zu singen"

by Franz Schubert
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Mica Woodburn

"In Uomini in Soldati"

Così fan Tutte by W. A. Mozart
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Bailey Wilson

"When the air sings of summer"

The Old Maid and the Thief by Gian Carlo Menotti
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Christina Draper

"Sta Nell'ircana"

Alcina by George Frideric Handel
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Rachelle Snyder

"Salut a la France"

La Fille du Regiment by Gaetano Donizetti
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Katherine Clifford

Jewel Song

Faust by Charles Gounod
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Lucas Mann

"Care pupille"

La Finta Giardiniera by W. A. Mozart
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Curtlyn Ifill

"Ach ich fühl's"

Die Zauberflöte by W. A. Mozart
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Alyssa Mener

"Glitter and be Gay"

Candide by Leonard Bernstein
Kelly Horsted, Piano

- Intermission -

Zachary Kelly

"Lieben Hassen"

Ariadne auf Naxos by Richard Strauss
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Haylee Caserta

"Caro nome"

Rigoletto by Giuseppe Verdi
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Mayu Tayama

"Iris, Hence away"

Semele by George Frideric Handel
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Juliette Pradlik

"Vedrai Carino"

Don Giovanni by W.A. Mozart
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Ambrose Cusick

"Saper Vorreste"

Un Ballo in Maschera by Giuseppe Verdi
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Nathaniel Pappachen

"Fin ch'an dal vino"

Don Giovanni by W.A. Mozart
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Molly Nemirow

"Cruda Sorte"

L'italiana in Algeri by Gioachino Rossini
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Emily Pace

"Einst traumte"

Der Freischutz by Carl Maria von Weber
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Austyn Park

"Una Furtiva"

L'Elisir D'Amore by Gaetano Donizetti
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Rebecca Marchan-Espino

"Una Voce Poco Fa"

Il barbiere di Siviglia by Gioachino Rossini
Kelly Horsted, Piano

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Emily Pace

“Trube Augen”

Die Freischütz by Carl Maria von Weber

Cris Frisco, Piano

Dylan Turicek

“Quanto e bella”

L'Elisir D'Amore by Gaetano Donizetti

Cris Frisco, Piano

Estelle Candela

“Be kind and courteous”

A Midsummer Night's Dream by Benjamin Britten

Cris Frisco, Piano

Julia Ching

“Smanie implacabile”

Così fan tutte by W.A. Mozart

Cris Frisco, Piano

Nikki Corbett

“Die Nacht”

by Richard Strauss

Cris Frisco, Piano

Jayde Molfetto

“Wrapped in a ribbon and tied in a bow”

Street Scene by Kurt Weill

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Abby Jackson

“Va Godendo”

Serse by George Frideric Handel

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Elainia Noto

“Voi Che Sepete”

Le nozze di Figaro by W.A. Mozart

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Katherine Copeland

Emily's Aria

Our Town by Ned Rorem

Cris Frisco, Piano

Elliot Henderson

“Soupir”

by Henri Duparc

Cris Frisco, Piano

Grace Cazzaniga

“In Uomini”

Così fan Tutte by W.A. Mozart

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Rebecca Barry

Laurie's Song

The Tender Land by Aaron Copland

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Sarah Julien

“Frere Voyez”

Werther by Jules Massenet

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Chelsie Howell

“Del Cabello mas Sutil”

The Music Man by Meredith Wilson

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Madisyn Rivera

“Till there was you”

The Music Man by Meredith Wilson

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Emma Dial

“Ain't it a pretty night”

Susannah by Carlisle Floyd

Cris Frisco, Piano

Evan McMahon

“Ich Baue Ganz”

Die Entführung aus dem Serail by W.A. Mozart

Cris Frisco, Piano

- Intermission -

Isabel Breakey

“Caro nome”

Rigoletto by Guiseppe Verdi

Cris Frisco, Piano

Kai Harrington

“Non So Piu”

Le nozze di Figaro by W.A. Mozart

Cris Frisco, Piano

Brian Louis

“The Vagabond”

by Ralph Vaughn Williams

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Noella Sexton

“I bought this suitcase in New York”

Flight by Jonathan Dove

Cris Frisco, Piano

Dorothy Nie

“Kommt ein schlanker”

Der Freischütz by Carl Maria von Weber

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Gavin Gallagher

“Bella siccome”

Don Pasquale by Gaetano Donizetti

Cris Frisco, Piano

Narissa Nagee

“What good would the moon be?”

Street Scene by Kurt Weill

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Eliza Goldsteen

“George”

by William Bolcom

Cris Frisco, Piano

Tiana White

“Signore ascolta”

Turandot by Giacomo Puccini

Cris Frisco, Piano

Joseph Stroppel

“Il Mio Tesoro”

Don Giovanni by W.A. Mozart

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Daphne Buan

“His name is Jan”

Breaking the Waves by Missy Mazzoli

Cris Frisco, Piano

Anastasia Kourotchkina

“Donde Lieta”

La bohème by Giacomo Puccini

Cris Frisco, Piano

Noelle Duke

“Csárdás”

Die Fledermaus by Richard Strauss

Cris Frisco, Piano

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TRIAL BY JURY

BY GILBERT & SULLIVAN



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**MONDAY AUG. 4 &
TUESDAY AUG. 5 @ 7:30PM**

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Operatic Scenes

DIRECTED BY DIANE MACHIN

*FEATURING PIANISTS CRIS FRISCO, ELAINE SMITH PURCELL,
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**THURSDAY AUG. 7 @ 7:30PM &
SATURDAY AUG. 9 @ 4PM**

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**FRIDAY AUG. 8 &
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QSVI Gala Concert

**FEATURING PIANISTS RON LAND, ELAINE SMITH PURCELL
& MORE**



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